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E.O. 11652 : GDS

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SUBJECT: FRENCH CONCERNS ABOUT OSLO CONFERENCE ON
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1. QUAI DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR AMERICAN AFFAIRS PONSOLLE
CALLED IN EMBOFFS TO INFORM USG OF TWO QUESTIONS WHICH
THE GOF WISHED THE 12 SIGNATORIES OF THE WASHINGTON
TREATY TO CONSIDER PRIOR TO THE JUNE OSLO CONFERENCE.
(A) TREATY AREA AND THE GENEVA CONFERENCE ON THE LAW OF
THE SEA. PONSOLLE SAID FRANCE BELIEVED THAT THE
SIGNATORIES SHOULD ADOPT A COMMON POSITION CONCERNING
THE TREATY AREA (BELOW 60TH PARALLEL) AT THE FORTHCOMING
LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE IN GENEVA, AS INDEED HAD BEEN
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AGREED AT THE FIRST PREPARATORY CONFERENCE. THE USSR

SUPPORTED THE FRENCH POSITION; IN FACT, PONSOLLE THOUGHT, ONLY ARGENTINA AND CHILE WOULD BE DIFFICULT ON THIS MATTER. FRANCE WILL BE CALLING IN REPS OF ALL TREATY COUNTRIES; QUAI HOPES TO HAVE SOME INFLUENCE WITH ARGENTINES. PONSOLLE ASKED FOR U.S. TO MAKE SPECIAL EFFORT WITH CHILEANS, WHOSE REP HERE HAS ALREADY TOLD QUAI HE WILL REFER MATTER TO HIS GOVERNMENT.

(B) EXPLORATION/EXPLOITATION. GOF CONSIDERS AN IMPORTANT QUESTION FOR THE TREATY COUNTRIES TO BE THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN AND CLEAR DEFINITIONS OF EXPLORATION AND EXPLOITATION. IN ADDITION, GOF THOUGHT IT WOULD BE ESSENTIAL TO HAVE THE GOVERNMENTS WHOSE AGENCIES (PRIVATE COMPANIES IN THE CASE OF FRANCE, U.S. ETC. AND STATE CORPORATIONS IN THE CASE OF THE USSR) BE THE RESPONSIBLE AUTHORIZERS OF ANY PROSPECTING.

2. PONSOLLE SAID GOF HOPED TO HAVE U.S. VIEWS ON THESE AND ANY OTHER PERTINENT QUESTIONS WHICH WILL COME UP IN OSLO CONFERENCE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. IF U.S. CONTACTS OTHER TREATY GOVERNMENTS, GOF WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING RESULTS OF U.S. SOUNDINGS -- PARTICULARLY CONCERNING VIEWS OF JAPANESE, WITH WHOM GOF HOPES USG WILL TAKE THE LEAD.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: WE SHOULD LIKE TO GIVE SOME PRELIMINARY WASHINGTON REACTION TO QUAI WITHIN TEN DAYS.
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